

New Power Policy

5060. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "New plan for power sector is on the anvil" appearing in the 'Time of India' dated 21st March, 1997 ;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the amount likely to be spent and the quantum of power to be generated during the Ninth Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Bank Loan for Higher Education

5061. SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some nationalised banks have granted bank loan to the students seeking engineering and medical education in Uttar Pradesh specially in the backward and rural areas during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years, bank-wise and year-wise;

(c) the details of the nationalised banks which have not been providing loan;

(d) the reasons thereof; and

(e) the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to grant loan for the above purpose through all the branches of nationalised banks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (e) The Information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Generation of Power in Rajasthan

5062. SHRI NARENDRA BUDANIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of power stations/sub-stations in Rajasthan at present;

(b) the power generated by each power station during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to increase the generation capacity of these power stations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) In Rajasthan the total number of power stations and

sub-stations is 8 and 22 (220 KV & above) respectively. The year-wise electricity generation in each of the power stations in Rajasthan during the last three years are given in the enclosed statement.

(c) and (d) Kota TPS unit I & II of 110 MW each is covered under Renovation & Modernisation programme phase-II for increasing the Plant Load Factor of the units which in turn amounts to augmentation of existing capacity of these units.

Statement

Station/Type	1994-95 Actual (MU)	1995-96 Actual (MU)	1996-97 Actual (MU)
R.S.E.B.			
Thermal			
Kota	4276	5216	5638
Ramgarh (GT)	0	16	75
Total	4276	5232	5713
Hydro			
R.P. Sagar	598	625	694
Jawahar Sagar	443	443	481
Mahi Bajaj	419	331	363
Small Hydro	13	6	9
Total	1473	1405	1547
Total (R.S.E.B.)	5749	6637	7260
N.T.P.C.			
Anta	2339	2607	2654
Nuclear			
N.P.C.			
RAPS	381	0	0
Total Rajasthan			
Thermal	6615	7839	8367
Nuclear	381	0	0
Hydro	1473	1405	1547
Total	8469	9244	9914

[English]

Oil Pool Account

5063. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to devise a new role for the Oil Coordination Committee (OCC); and

(b) the extent to which reincarnation of Oil Coordination Committee is likely to improve matters connected with the variations in the elements of standard cost of petroleum products and cut down the mounting deficit in the oil pool account ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) A study is being undertaken by OCC to examine the present working of OCC and to suggest suitable changes in its role and structure in the context of liberalisation of petroleum sector.

[Translation]

Outstanding Amount

5064. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have received any representation from the Government of Maharashtra regarding the postponement of the adjustment of the outstanding amount due to the Union Government ;

(b) if so, the details of the issues mentioned in the representation; and

(c) the reaction of the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) The Ministry of Finance has not received any representation from the Government of Maharashtra for postponement of repayment of principal or payment of interest due to the Ministry of Finance.

(b) and (c) Does not arise, Sir.

[English]

Power Project of Gujarat

5065. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Power and Petrochemicals, Government of Gujarat has submitted any proposal to the Union Government in regard to "Relaxing cap on investment by Indian Financial Institute in power projects based on indigenous equipments in Gujarat" during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of such proposals received during each of the last three years till date.

(c) the details of proposals accepted, rejected and under consideration/pending.

(d) the reasons for not taking any decision, till date, and

(e) the time by which these proposals are likely to be approved and the latest position thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (e) The private power policy *inter alia* stipulates that an amount not

exceeding 40% of the total outlay may come from Indian public financial institutions, but the remaining amount should be met from other sources. The Government of Gujarat had requested in 1996 that Independent Power Producers (IPPs) sourcing equipment from indigenous suppliers should be exempted from this limit. This request is under consideration.

[Translation]

Loans for SCs in U.P.

5066. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Banks in the rural areas of Uttar Pradesh have been making delay in advancing loans to the scheduled castes;

(b) the schemes under which the Scheduled Castes of Uttar Pradesh, particularly of Sambhal area have been benefitted; and

(c) the target fixed for advancing loans by the banks during the current financial year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) State Bank of India (SBI) the Convenor Bank for Uttar Pradesh, has reported that no such complaint has come to the notice of the State Level Banker's Committee (SLBC).

(b) SBI have further reported that the schemes under which Scheduled Castes from Uttar Pradesh have been benefitted are Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Special Component Plan, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojna (PMRY), Scheme for Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME), Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMIUPEP) and the National Scheme for Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers (NSLRS).

(c) Target fixed for advancing loans by banks during the financial year 1996-97 as furnished by SBI, the convenor bank of Uttar Pradesh, were as under :

Nature of Scheme	Physical Target
(i) PMRY	35,813
(ii) SUME	49,157
(iii) PMIUPEP	7,822
(iv) Special Component Plan	1,00,000
(v) National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents.	60,000

In respect of IRDP, there is a financial target of Rs. 450.00 crores.

[English]

Vacant Posts of SBI in Orissa

5067. SHRI ANCHAL DAS : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :